

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1189

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kaylee Marie Radzynski of Cleveland upon winning the 2008 National Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Marie Radzynski, an estimable resident of Cleveland and a junior at Cleveland High School, was recognized on May 5, 2008 as a winner of the 2008 National Prudential Spirit of Community Award, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Miss Radzynski launched a CD and DVD collection campaign, called "Tunes 4 the Troops," which has spread across the country and resulted in the shipment of more than \$3 million worth of discs to U.S. soldiers in overseas war zones; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Miss Radzynski attended a Sea Cadet training program, during which she met military personnel who had just returned home; she learned that what they missed most overseas was entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Radzynski first collected her own CDs and DVDs to donate to the soldiers and then enlisted the charitable contributions from her friends and her school; the campaign eventually made its way to the community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Radzynski solicited donations by speaking at churches and clubs, organizing collection drives, and contacting local news media; and

WHEREAS, her post office box receives an astounding 2,000 CDs and DVDs each week; with her mother's help, Miss Radzynski sorts, packs, and ships out about ten boxes every Saturday; and

WHEREAS, in addition, more than 200 satellite locations across the United States, which include schools, churches, clubs, and radio stations, have joined the “Tunes 4 the Troops” campaign, collecting discs in their areas and shipping them directly to service personnel abroad; and

WHEREAS, a State Prudential Spirit of Community Award winner, Kaylee Radzynski competed with 20,000 of the Nation's most civic-minded youth to be selected as one of ten national winners; along with the honor of winning the national competition, she received \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for her school, and a \$5,000 grant from the Prudential Foundation to be donated to nonprofit organizations of her choice; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Miss Radzynski who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Kaylee Radzynski is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State,” and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kaylee Marie Radzynski on winning the 2008 National Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.